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"Jack Straw."

There was again a very large attendance at the Theatre Royal on Tuesday evening when the Handmann Comedy Company produced "Jack Straw." From first to last the piece went with a capital swing and was greatly enjoyed and appreciated, judging from the spontaneous applause which was accorded to the several artistes. Mr Charles Vane portrayed the part of Jack Straw in a most admirable manner giving to the character a representation which was all his own. Miss Lucy Beaumont displayed her high capabilities as an actress of no mean ability in the impersonation of Mrs Parker-Jennings, while Miss (Blanche) Forsythe, Miss Hilda Vaughan, as well as the other artistes interpreted their respective roles with credit and distinction to themselves.

To-night's Play.

"Diana of Dobson's," which the Company will stage to-night, ran for 400 nights at the Kingsway Theatre, and was made memorable by the success achieved by Miss Lena Ashwell. It is a daring play, not because it deals with any startling social problem or asks us to listen to the discussion of things which are not usually discussed in the theatre, but because it tells an unconventional story in a way which makes strong demands on the capacity of the playgoer to accept unconventional developments, and coincidences which are on the verge of the incredible. That in spite of this the author, Miss Gladys Hamilton, succeeds in retaining our interest and our acceptance of her coincidences as natural and credible events is much to her credit. Diana is a shop-girl and Dobson is the suburban emporium where she is employed. She is a girl of spirit and beauty and she longs for the good things of the world. When a relative dies and leaves her £300 she decides to have one glorious crowded hour of life and then to return to her drudgery. She buys frocks in Paris and goes off to a hotel in Switzerland where she passes as a wealthy widow. At the end of three weeks she has exhausted her funds and required two offers of marriage. The first which comes from a millionaire draper—the kind that grinds her sort down—she indignantly rejects. In the second case, that of a young Guardsman who finds difficulty in making £200 a year meet his needs and believes her to be a wealthy widow, she frankly tells the proposer the truth, whereupon he turns on her with reproaches and calls her an adventuress. In a fine scene Diana lets herself go and explains with brutal directness that he rather is the adventurer. When he thought she was rich enough to support him he sought her in marriage; as a penniless shop-girl he spurns her. In the last act we find the young Guardsman as an "out of work" on the Thames Embankment. Slung by Diana's reproaches he has given up his position and income to see if he cannot earn his own living, a thing she had declared impossible. He has sworn to try the experiment for six months, and a few weeks has brought him to sleeping on the Embankment. Presently Diana appears. She has been ill, lost her work and is starving. They find themselves on the same boat and the reconciliation and proposal that follow may be guessed.

UNREST AT CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 22.
There seems to be some uneasiness here in connection with the attitude of the Chinese at present. Very little information is obtainable, but evidently all is not well.

In the harbour at present there are H.M.S. Hart, Moebius, and Bolin, the U.S. gunboat Sander, the French gunboat Vigilante, and the German gunboat Taiguan.

Major-General Broadwood who is on a visit here called on Viceroy Chang yesterday.

Judging from the appearance and bearing of the Chinese in the streets there is nothing unusual in the air, and among the Shanghai residents there is so far nothing but indistinct rumours.

From the Canton correspondent of the "Peking Post" it is said that every Chinese soldier is armed with a Mauser.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1903.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Oh, what some power the gift give us,
To see ourselves as others see us.ROBERT BURNS penned this couplet in
the days before the personal interview
had been developed by the daily press.
He would have little occasion for making
such an observation in the present year
of grace. If we do not know ourselves
as others do, there are plenty of kind
folk who will gladly supply our de-
ficiency. For this is an age when the
"intimate personal touch" seems to be
the desideratum of most writers for the
daily papers and the veil which should
discreetly hide the private lives of men
and women from their fellows, or the
faults and foibles of nations from the
censorious eyes of their neighbours, is now
ruthlessly withdrawn if it is considered
that "good copy" will result. All the
nicer feelings of reticence and courteous
restraint which once marked the public
behaviour of men and peoples towards
one another are relegated by latter-day
journalists to the background, if they
do not entirely lay them aside as being
worn out and of no further practical use.
The most conspicuous example, from a
national point of view, was furnished, of
course, during the Boer War when Eng-
land, assailed in the press of nearly
every nation, seemed to stand alone and
fenceless while her faults and failings
were shown up in the most lurid
colours. We had an experience of
candid criticism and scurrilous per-
sonalities then which will last us for a
long time to come. This habit of frank
outspokenness, is, cannot be denied, has
some advantages and it is indeed for
the time being the upwelling of a
spirit of cordial frankness so much
the better. As it is, it enables usto clear our minds of cant and to read-
just the personal equation as between
man and man, nation and nation, to a
scale more in accordance with actual
circumstances than was possible before.
But Western peoples have not the
monopoly of outspokenness nowadays.The habit has been eagerly acquired by
the journalists of China and Japan and
as a result we are often treated to
specimens of this kind of open-air writ-
ing which for sheer bad taste run the
worst productions of the Occident very
close. Just recently we came across a
special article in the Pail Mall Gazette,
which illustrates our point. It is
supposed to represent the opinion of
a travelled and influential Chinaman
concerning what he considers to be the
"White Peril" now threatening China.We have a shrewd suspicion as to the
personality of this gentleman, but as the
Pail Mall Gazette prefers to shelter his
utterances within the shadow of anony-
mity we must respect his contumacious
also. The interview runs as follows:—"When I hear Englishmen talking
about the Yellow Peril and see them
shaking their heads at the idea of
China 'waking up,' I sometimes wonder
why it never occurs to them that a
reformed revived China would perhaps
be a welcome addition to the family
of nations. China is very big, very
unwieldy, very self-sufficient—because
self-supporting—very conservative, very
patient. The English, too, are con-
servative as heart, very temperate, in
practice of old customs, old supersti-
tions. Like the Chinese, too, and
unlike most other nations, they are not
wedded to one religious faith, but, at
bottom, think of religion as a 'property,'
a 'deceit,' and would rather a man
uphold a religion he did not quite
believe in than waive all such things
aside. I say all this in order that
Englishmen should get rid of the idea
that in the main, the Chinese character
is 'mysterious' and enigmatical.""Fear in mind, too, please, that
actual conditions being such as have
enabled us in the past to be self-
supporting, we have been able to do
what every other nation would have
liked to do, namely, to shut out that
strange creature with his new face,
meaningless speech, and untutored
conduct—the foreigner! Every boy
knows what it is like to see a foreigner
for the first time, how amusing and yet
how irritating! It is so, you will admit,
even to-day in England, even when
your people have books, stories, plays
and pictures in which the people of
other lands are described. You know
their history. In most of you the blood
of other nations runs intermingled
with that of the dominant Saxon type. Figure
to yourself, then, what a foreigner
means to a people like ours, millions of
whom, living in a country that has
enjoyed the arts of peace for centuries,
in the midst of a literary and artistic
civilisation, have yet never seen other than
a Chinese tongue. It is only because we
are by nature, by training, a peaceful
studious race that foreigners are not
treated as they would be among any
other people to whom they came at once
as a shock and as a deliberately distur-
bing force. Bearing all this in mind, the
settlement of strangers in China and the
gradual influence of Western dip-
lomacy, education, and trade in China
have been tolerated in a manner remark-
able in the history of mankind."Turning to another point, my infor-
mant went on: "If China may fairly be
called the country where the art of
intrigue and corruption always described
as 'typical' of the Orient holds unbridled
 sway, it is plain that these vices have by
no means ceased to play a part in Western
civilisation, for we have abundant
examples of corruption and dishonesty
in the very traffickings with our empire
in which Western foreigners have
indulged. Thus in our intercourse with
you, your practices have been such as
have materially marred the effect of your
precepts.""Let me instance the Railway Con-
cession in a few years back, from the
effects of which China still suffers. You
bought concessions from us and your
Government enforced agreements by
which, if the scheme failed, we had
to bear the financial and other burdens;
while if it succeeded, the profits went
to you. Add to this manifest iniquity
the fact that we were single-minded
enough—foolish enough, I had better
say—to permit the foreign advisers of
these syndicates to decide the direction
and character of the railways, so that
they were constructed purely to earn
speedy and large profits, without regard
to strategic, or, indeed, native considera-
tions at all, and you see how little we
have for you to thank the Western
'business man.' To the Chinaman, then,
who looks ahead, the 'Awakening of
China' means the realisation at its full
significance of what has been for long a
'White Peril' in our land.""You remember the Shanghai riots of
last year? Shanghai is now a huge
cosmopolitan settlement. To the Chi-
nese mind it represents the chief nest of
that parasitic population of foreigners
who have settled upon us for commercial
purposes of their own and from which
we derive no real benefit at all. They
bring with them their own laws in a
very practical sense, and a police of
their own has been forced upon us, in
the sense that it does not 'wield' its
power except to interfere with our
people. In this particular affair, a Chi-
nese woman, accused of kidnapping (a
crime of this kind is charged against
an alleged offence committed three
hundred miles away from Shanghai) and
charged with the murder of a foreigner
was arrested in Shanghai by the
foreign police, and, contrary to all
proper custom, was lodged in the foreign
prison."gnot. Unavailing official protest followed,
and naturally riots ensued. Surely no
one can be surprised at our indignation
and revolt."This gentleman clearly belongs to
the "Rights Recovery" party, hence
the bitterness and misconceptions
which underlie his remarks. Ancient
the railway question, and the extra-
territorial position occupied by Shang-
hai. But the expression of bitter pre-
judice will not help matters much.
If China can put up the capital to build
her own railways, wall and good; no one
will be more delighted than the fore-
igner to see her bringing within the
sphere of usefulness the hoarded
wealth at present lying idle. But if
all authorities who have studied the
question are to be believed China cannot
undertake to finance all the railway
projects which are now being discus-
sed by her people, not even to the extent
of half. To refuse then the offer of
foreign capital to build her much-needed
railways is like cutting off her nose to
spite her face, and we think when the
present "Rights Recovery" fever sub-
sides that the sober commonsense of the
Chinese people will freely acknowledge
the logic of the case and abandon this
position as silly and untenable. As
regards the extraterritorial privileges of
Shanghai we would ask this influential
Chinaman if his country is not wholly
to blame in the matter. What steps has
she taken to bring her laws into con-
formity with Western practices, as her
neighbour Japan has done, and as Siam
is now doing? Until the day dawns
when China properly qualifies herself
to assume jurisdiction over the foreigner
she must be content to put up with the
anomalies presented by the foreign
settlements in her midst, and no amount
of acrimonious discussion will help the
situation one little bit. One thing this
interview has done for the foreign re-
sident in China: it enables him to see
exactly where he stands in the eyes of
an educated Chinaman.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Hon. Alfred Dorman, Agent,
General of Tasmania, has fallen overboard
from a Channel steamer and been lost.The proposal to purchase a site in
Trafalgar Square, London, for Australian
Commonwealth offices, for £198,000 has
been defeated in the Senate, and it is stated
that the matter will now be dropped.We have received from the publishers,
the Hongkong Daily Press—a copy of
the "Directory of Protestant Missionaries
in China, Japan and Korea, for the year
1903." This admirably compiled directory
has thoroughly established its reputation
for accuracy and completeness and is in-
valuable for all those whose work brings
them into contact or association with the
missionary body.An interesting ceremony took place
at Bristol on December 6th when Lord
Roberts unveiled a large model of the
Residency at Lucknow in the Museum. A
number of Munster veterans and others
were present, including Sir Henry Law-
rence, who presented the Museum with
some unpublished documents written by
his grandfather, including a facsimile of a
despatch, written by Sir James Outram to
Sir Colin Campbell in an improvised
cipher of Greek characters.Mrs Jean Ambruster, of London,
has presented to the Town Council of
Edinburgh, with a view to their being
preserved in the Corporation Museum, a
cheesboard and box with antique chess-
men, formerly belonging to and used by
Sir Walter Scott. In a letter the donor
says that the chessboard and men were
used by Sir Walter at the weekly meetings
in his house in Castle Street, at which the
literati of Edinburgh, including Henry
Mackenzie, Jeffrey, Lockhart, Christopher
North, and Lord Cockburn used to as-
semble. Mrs Ambruster explains that the
board and chessmen passed to Lord Cock-
burn, at whose death they came into the
possession of her late husband, Mr Thomas
Hutchinson, of Bellfield, Duddingston.The heroes of the charge of the Light
Bridade at Balaklava did fair to become as
famous for their longevity as for their
gallantry. It is 54 years since they came
back from the jaws of death, all that was
left of the six hundred, and at the annual
commemoration banquet at the Crystal
Palace, London, it was announced that
none of the veterans had died during the
year. The annual machine in aid of the
Balaklava survivors was held at the Alber-
marle, and was a great success. At the
banquet the usual toasts were proposed
from the King and Queen, Florence
Nightingale sent greetings to her "old
friends." The "Memory of the Dead" was
proposed by Mr. Mackenzie (17th Lancers),
and received in silence, and afterwards the
honour of the Royal Engineers' band
"The Last Post."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The annual eclipse of the sun takes
place to-morrow but will not be visible in
Asia.The Bishop of Victoria held a con-
firmation service in St. John's Cathedral
on Tuesday. Nine candidates presented
themselves, three boys and six girls, and
to them Bishop Lander addressed some
very helpful words.A burglary has been reported to the
police as having occurred in a house in the
military married quarters just below Ken-
sedy Road. The thief or thieves broke a
pane of glass, opened the door, and got
away with a sum of \$30.In their advertisement on page 5, the
Robinson Piano Co., Ltd., announce a
special discount of \$100 on each piano, to
clear by the end of the year. Anyone in
the market for a high-class piano of Euro-
pean manufacture, has, for a few days, a
chance to secure an instrument at value
above the price asked.For making fast to the steamship
Borras whilst under way in the harbour,
the master of a licensed passenger boat was
fined \$50, or in default two months' hard
labour, at the Marine Court, to-day, by
Commander Basil Taylor, R.N. It was
stated that as a result of defendant's action
there was a narrow escape from a serious
collision. Defendant went to gaol.The Straits Times learns that a proposal
is being considered by the Chinese Advisory
Board for a Chinese Marriage Registration
Ordinance, which will probably be framed
on the following lines:—One wife only is
to be recognised unless she is barren for a
specified number of years, when another
person may be adopted as a son. If that
person is the son of a concubine, the
mother is to be registered as a wife, with
the consent of the previous wife. The
provision has been agreed to by the
Chinese of Singapore, Penang and Malacca,
and will be brought before the Attorney-
General with a view to incorporating it in
an Ordinance.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Gov-
ernor of Victoria, who was chosen Grand
Master Mason of South Australia took up
office on St. Andrew's Day, when he
dismissed office as Grand Master Mason
of Scotland.The death is announced of Mrs. E. B.
Rogers, wife of the Paymaster-General of
the American Navy, on November 4th at
Washington, D. C. Mrs. Rogers was for
some years a resident of Yokohama and
had achieved much reputation by her
novels and magazine articles. The scene
of her novel "Peace and the Vices" was
laid at Nagasaki.Mrs Blackie, widow of Professor John
Stuart Blackie, has just died in Edinburgh
at the age of 90. She survived her husband
for 13 years. A highly gifted and cultured
woman, Mrs Blackie counted among her
friends most of the leading men of her time
in literature, science, art, and philosophy,
including Carlyle, Dickens, Herbert
Spencer, Ruskin, Huxley, and Sir David
Wilkie. She was a warm supporter of
women's suffrage till the present militant
spirit manifested itself. To show her
disapprobation of that method she with-
drew her contributions to that cause.The prejudice against the woman
smoker is dying out. Only the aesthetic
continues to protest. If she now smokes
cigarettes, they say, will not the day dawn
when husband and wife will share their
pipe together and the first kiss of love
smell of tobacco?—Zeller.CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY
IN SOUTH AFRICA.MR R. Schneider, of Koffeyfontein, O.
F.S.A., is very grateful to the manu-
facturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
He has found that it cures his children as
well himself of their coughs and colds.
They were all coughing and got no relief
until this remedy was used. Many parents
have made this same discovery. "There is
nothing better for coughs, colds and croup,
and as it contains no injurious substance,
there is no danger in giving it to the chil-
dren." For sale by all chemists and store-
keepers.WORTH REMARKING.—There are not
nearly so many people coughing
now as there were before Hearn's Wine
and Liver Oil was placed on the market.
It cures the cough. Remember that. IfBATTLE OUTSIDE
TABRIZ.LOSSES ABOUT TWO
THOUSAND.(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters
via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 22.

The correspondent at Tabriz of the
St. Petersburg News sends a graphic
account of a battle outside Tabriz on
November 29 resulting in the routing
of the Government forces.The losses on both sides are
estimated to be about two thousand.

THE AMETHYST AFFAIR.

SEAMAN SENTENCED TO TWO
YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters
via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 22.

As a result of the inquiry held at
Portsmouth into the case of a sailor
who threw overboard part of the gun
stings of the cruiser Amethyst, while
on her recent voyage to Australia
with reliefs for the Pacific Squadron,
the seaman has been sentenced to two
years' hard labour and dismissed the
Navy.

LONDON, December 22.

Another seaman has been sentenced
to one year's hard labour and dismissed
from the Navy.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

GERMANY IN THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, December 21.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that
Germany has decided to cease sending
troops to the Far East by sea and has
arranged with Russia to utilise the
Siberian railway.BRITISH TRADE MARKS IN
JAPAN.

LONDON, December 21.

In reply to a complaint from the
Birmingham Chamber of Commerce
concerning the piracy of trademarks in
Japan, Sir Edward Grey said that the
situation was largely due to the failure
of foreigners to take proper action to
secure their rights, and he recommended
traders to appoint a common agent in
Tokyo to watch their interests.PROROGATION OF PARLIA-
MENT.

LONDON, December 21.

Parliament is prorogued. The King's
speech says that relations with foreign
powers continue friendly. Several im-
portant agreements have been concluded,
tending to the consolidation of peace,
and there is reason to hope that wise
conciliatory counsels will prevail in the
Balkans, and that an amicable settle-
ment will be reached with the consent
of the signatories of the Berlin Treaty.
Commissioners have been appointed to
attend an international opium con-
ference in Shanghai to suggest measures
for the gradual suppression of opium, with
a view to assisting China to eradicate
the opium trade with the empire.WORTH REMARKING.—There are not
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THE COMPADRE CASE.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, delivered judgment, at the Supreme Court, this afternoon, in the case of S. J. David and Co., who sued Chan Uo Chiu for alleged damages under a compadrom agreement and a counter claim by defendant for the return of his security of \$65,000 and interest.

In the course of a long judgment His Lordship gave judgment with costs in the claim and counter claim for the defendant compadrom.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., for plaintiff applied for a stay of execution, which was refused.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., for the defendant, then moved for judgment.

HOME SPORTING NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, December 20.

The Australian Football team, popularly known as the Wallabies, did not have much reason to be satisfied with their victory over Cambridge University by 11 points to 8, as the latter are not particularly strong this year. Their forwards, however, played the game of their lives and made the Wallabies go all out to win. If their backs had performed up to the standard of their forwards the result would have been reversed. As it was, however, they were distinctly unlucky to lose, as one of their three-quarters dropped a goal, which just touched one of the Wallabies' fingers, and was consequently disallowed. Fourteen penalty kicks were given against the Australians, whose tactics did not create a favourable impression. Against Oxford University, who had eight internationals in their team and who had till then an undefeated record, being easily the best club team in the United Kingdom, the Wallabies rearranged their forces and played 50 per cent. better. Again their obstructing tactics were severely criticised and it only remains to be said that Mr. A. O. Jones, the referee, found it necessary to order one of their forwards off the field, he having struck one of the 'Varsity forwards in the face in a most deliberate manner. A storm of indignation has been aroused in football circles over the Australians' conduct and they will have to re-instate themselves in public favour if they wish to repeat their visit in future years. The South Africans were exceedingly popular owing to their strictly clean methods.

Flat racing for this year will finish next week. This season will always be remembered as a disastrous one for backers, owing to the number of outsiders who have won all the chief races. Maher at present heads the list of winning jockeys, with Wootton and Elgie in close attendance. Wootton's riding has been most brilliant, and if it had not been for his recent suspension, he would be easily at the head.

HONGKONG CHILD KILLED IN LONDON HOTEL.

A Terrible Lift Accident.

At St. Giles' Court, London, on November 17th, Mr. W. Schröder conducted an inquiry as to the death of William Hunter, aged four years and two months, the child of Mr. William Hunter, the Government bacteriologist at Hongkong, with a residence at Hamilton Place, Aberdeen, at present staying with his wife at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London. Mr. Hunter stated that they returned from Hongkong on Friday on route for Hongkong. The boy and his daughter, aged two years, were left in charge of an amah. On returning to the hotel he was informed that his son had fallen down the lift, and died on the following morning without being able to give an account of the accident. The amah, a Chinese female servant, said she was with the two children in the bedroom. The boy opened the door and ran out while she was attending to the baby. As he did not come back she went out and then learned that he had fallen down the lift. She could not say why he went out of the room. Ernest Hall, the lift attendant, stated that about 12.30 p.m. he was in the lift on the ground floor. It was then stationary, but as the electric bell rang he went up to the first floor, and opened the lift door. At that moment he saw the child's hand on the line, and outside the lift. He stopped the lift but the child had then disappeared, and was afterwards found to have fallen into the well of the lift, a distance of 25 feet. The proprietor of the hotel said the lift was in continuous use, and the man Hall was a most careful man. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and expressed an opinion that some means should be adopted for preventing unauthorized persons using the lift.

Much sympathy will be felt in Hongkong for Mr. and Mrs. Hunter in their tragic bereavement.

SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, LIMITED.

The following report of the "South China Morning Post," Limited, will be presented at the Sixth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders to be held in the offices of Dr. Noble, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, December 30th, 1908, at 11.30 a.m.

19th December, 1907.

Gentlemen, The Directors beg to submit their report for the year ending August 31st, 1908:

The debit balance of the Profit and Loss account as per the last Balance Sheet was \$50,237.44. The profit for the year ending 31st August, 1908 is \$38,634.77.

Leaving a reduced debit to be carried forward of \$11,602.67.

The Directors, Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. G. C. Moxon, and J. S. Hamilton, retire according to Clause 83 of the Articles of Association, but offer themselves for re-election.

Geo. T. Lloyd, General Manager.

J. W. Noble, Chairman.

J. Scott-Hamilton, Director.

A NOTABLE FACT.

There is evidence of all varieties of rheumatism, and the medicine for it, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, is the only one that cures it. For sale by all chemists.

THE SHATIN TRAGEDY.

There was a further development in the Shatin tragedy to-day, when Lau Fung, a water carrier employed on the Canton-Kowloon railway, was brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistrate's on a charge of murdering Jowar Singh, an Indian watchman. He was further charged with being in possession of an offensive weapon—a hammer—and together with persons not in custody, did rob the deceased of about \$250, and another Indian of \$5 and a silver watch. Yet a further indictment was that he wounded another Indian.

The case was remanded until Wednesday next.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS AT THE POST OFFICE.

The Post Office will be open on Xmas day from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the English Mail the Office will be open for one hour after arrival, i.e., for the delivery of the Mail. On Saturday, the 26th inst. (Boxing Day) the office will be open from 7 a.m. to Noon for the despatch of the English Mail.

On Friday (New Year's Day) the office will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Saturday, the 2nd January, the Office will be open from 7 a.m. to noon for despatching the American Mail.

There will be one delivery of letters and one collection as on Sunday.

The money order office will be entirely closed.

SHANGHAI OPIUM CONFERENCE.

Rev. E. W. Thwing, who is on his way to the Opium Conference at Shanghai, where he will represent the International Reform Bureau, has been visiting Japan and Manila. He will reach Hongkong on the s.s. Asia about December 25. He has given several lectures and addresses on the Opium question in Tokyo and Yokohama, and is studying the question from all sides. He will spend a week or two in South China and then go on to Peking to meet some of the Chinese Officials there and learn their views on the Opium question, before the coming Conference which begins on February 1st, 1909.

WEDDING IN COLOMBO.

Wilson-Wilson.

The marriage was solemnized very quietly, at St. Andrew's Church, Colombo, of Mr. George Gordon Wilson, of the Straits Civil Service, Assistant Postmaster-General of Singapore, and Miss Mary West Wilson, who arrived by the India from Glasgow. The bride was given away by Mr. D. W. Waddell, of the Colombo Commercial Company. The Rev. Alex. Dunn, officiated and the register was attested by Mr. Dunn and Mr. Waddell, these being the only ones present in Church.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

We learn from the North China Daily News that in accordance with precedent, a posthumous title by which the late Empress Grand Dowager will be known to posterity has been conjointly recommended by the Grand Secretariat and the various Ministries and minor yamens, which is in consideration of her reign of forty-seven years as Regent, her late Imperial Majesty thoroughly deserves. In other words it has been recommended and now fully accepted with Imperial sanction that the posthumous title of Hsiao Ching shall be added to those by which the late Empress Grand Dowager has been known during her life time, and that these added to her dynastic title of Po-tien Hsing-sheng-hsien Hsuehshou (Empress whose beautiful goodness mainly fedly matches Heaven) shall be inscribed upon the tablets within the halls of the Imperial Ancestral Temple. Her Imperial Majesty's titles in full are:—Hsiao-ching Ching-shou Hsiao-ching-sheng-hsien Hsuehshou. (Note:—The words in italics are the new additions to the late Empress Grand Dowager's already very lengthy titles.)

The seal of the Prince Regent is to bear the following six characters in Ancient Chinese writing engraved on it, namely "Chiao-kuo Shih-cheng Wang-chang," or Seal of the Prince Regent. When one considers that all official seals under the present dynasty invariably contain Manchu characters in addition to the usual Chinese, the report that the Prince Regent's new Seal only contains Chinese characters, seems to be significant of his Highness's future policy.

A Peking correspondent states that like his brother the late Emperor Kuang Hsi the Prince Regent is a great reader of the papers whenever he can get them. His Highness also cuts out from the papers items that may be interesting to him and pastes them in a scrap book. Furthermore, his Highness has issued instructions that any one may send up to him memorials through the Censorate, the members of which are commanded to send them in their seals unbroken.

The Ministry of Finance in Peking has instructed all Government Banks to stop issuing dollar notes and silver dollars as it is the intention of the Ministry to issue one-tail notes and silver coins of the same denomination, beginning with the first month of next Chinese year (January-February, 1909).

The Ministry of War has obtained the approval of the Prince Regent to select a large number of the pupils of the Noble School in Peking to send to Great Britain, the United States, Germany and Japan for the purposes of studying at the Naval Academies of those countries and afterwards entering their services as sub-lieutenants for two or three years.

THAT MEANS RHEUMATISM.

SORE and swollen joints, aching, shooting pains, increasing weakness, to rest, no sleep. That means rheumatism. It is a common disease to fight, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm has conquered it thousands of times. It will do so whenever the opportunity is taken. Try it. You will know how it relieves the pain. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

FIRE AT LAIOHIKOK.

At about 5.30 o'clock this morning a fire broke out at Laiohiok. It originated in a shed used for making concrete blocks, on the premises of the Standard Oil Company, and spread to four or five adjoining sheds. There was soon a large blaze. An alarm having been raised, a party of firemen in the charge of Deputy Police Supt. Orme were soon on the spot, but they could do very little, as the sheds were nearly burnt out. Fortunately the oil tanks were not damaged.

SPORTING.

TO SECRETARIES.

The Sporting Editor of the China Mail will be obliged to secretaries of clubs if they will kindly forward their cricket and football fixtures and teams for matches to be played during Christmas as early as possible to-morrow morning.

Rugby Football.

HONGKONG 5 POINTS; H.M.S. KENT 7 POINTS.

In fine weather on Tuesday evening the Hongkong Rugby Football team entertained a team from H.M.S. Kent at Happy Valley. The ground was in excellent condition after the recent rains and the grass looked very fresh. The Navy team comprised for the most part all those who had done duty on former occasions this season when opposing the Hongkong exponents of the art. There were few changes in the home team and all the contestants looked in the pink of condition. Claxton and Bailey were prominent in the Hongkong team, apparently none the worse; as it will be remembered, both were slightly injured when the team met the Navy on Saturday week, the latter having to retire prior to the conclusion of the game. Shooting at goal was indulged in for some time previous to the commencement of the match.

Hongkong elected to face the club end of the field and the Navy, having won the spin of the coin, kicked off. Immediately the Hongkongites forced the play into the territory of the sailors, the latter having the advantage of a fair breeze. Claxton opened with some pretty passing and enabled his comrades to approach the Navy citadel, but the Kent backs repulsed the dangerous onrush of the home forwards and soon reversed matters. Several scrums resulted in the vicinity of the Hongkong 25, and from a very determined effort obtained a try, but the range was too oblique for the outside right wing to convert it. The Navy were a strong lot and by this time had been all over their opponents. Their full back, a brilliant player and a hard worker, had absolutely nothing up to this point to exhibit his undoubted abilities on the field, beyond an occasional shot. From a determined resistance Hongkong broke away and Wood, gaining possession of the leather, raced away in magnificent style and completely outdistanced the opposition and obtained a beautiful try which was subsequently converted. Bailey and Carroll put in some effective work while the display of Shaw, a very promising player, was ideal. The Navy forwards were not so good in combination as they might have been, nevertheless they proved a very stubborn defence on many occasions while they did not infrequently were a power difficult to resist in attacking. End to end play followed for a considerable time and Hongkong proved superior in passing. The whole Navy team bunched too much and would have been more disastrous if they had opened out a little more, notably in the three-quarter line. Claxton opened the pace once more and passed to Wood who, in turn, passed to Carroll, the latter being obliged to kick the ball out of touch to prevent his being overpowered when making great strides for a try. Soon after half-time arrived with the score remaining unaltered.

The respite now gave Hongkong the advantage of the slight wind blowing and by a free use of the feet the ball traversed the field of play very rapidly. The Navy forwards subsequently clung to the ball tenaciously and pressed with vigour. By degrees play was worked towards the home goal and Carroll was frequently conspicuous in his efforts to relieve the pressure to which his allies were subjected. Wolfe also did a considerable amount of advantageous duty. Scrum followed scrum in mid-field and at this juncture the ball was several times out of touch. A free kick fell to the sailors but nothing of material advantage accrued and almost immediately afterwards a like favour fell to the Hongkongites.

The Navy inside right three-quarter back, worked energetically and was once laid out by his head coming unexpectedly into contact with the ball. However he soon recovered and a little later a high dropped goal fell to the sailors, amid the applause of the few spectators present. Darkness was rapidly falling. Ten minutes before time, when the Kents maintained the aggressive, and forcing play to the right corner of the Hongkong territory, a free kick ensued. The home club were kept on the defensive by the Navy who did all they could to force another try, but were unsuccessful when the whistle sounded with the score as indicated.

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FIRE AT SHAMKUN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 22.

About half past one to-day a fire broke out just behind the Shamkun in the street known to the Shamkun residents as Shoe Street because it contains so many shoe shops. It disturbed most people at their tiffin and caused no little excitement, but it did not last long. Two shops were burned down, a rice shop and a lantern shop.

SANITARY BOARD.

Mr. R. O. Hutchison presided over a meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday evening. There were present: Colonel Bedford, Hon. Mr. A. Irvine, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. Macdonald, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. A. Gibson, Secretary.

A complaint made against the scavenging and conveyance contractor at Kowloon was read. The President—With reference to this paper I should like to say that there is some further correspondence which I think should be treated confidentially, and I propose that strangers be requested to withdraw.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper—But the public acknowledgment you would get, I think, would be effective. I am not alluding to anything else, but it strikes me that, if we published the admission, we would perhaps find it more satisfactory, but it is a matter for the Board entirely.

Hon. Mr. Irvine—My recollection is that on the last occasion we considered such a matter confidentially.

M. A. Shelton Hooper—No.

The President—Some other points will arise which I think should be treated confidentially.

The Press then withdrew.

GYMKHANA AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

After having been twice previously postponed on account of bad climatic conditions, a Gymkhana organised by the officers of the 13th Light Infantry (the Bhikharwadi Regiment) took place yesterday afternoon at the Polo Ground, Causeway Bay. The weather was beautifully fine, and the greatest interest was manifested in the various events by a large crowd of invited guests, to whom the Officers were "At Home." A splendid musical programme was rendered by the band of the regiment, and at the conclusion of the Gymkhana the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Waddington. The events with their respective winners were:—

Text: Fencing with Swords (Individual).

—Lieut. Potter.

Pro: Strickland—Spear-throwing.

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DEATH OF CAPT. W. E. DUKE.

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broken by the sudden death of Capt. W.

E. Duke, the well-known marine super-

intendent of the Glen Line of steamers.

Capt. Duke, who had been in the service

of the Glen Line for 30 years, was at New-

castle-on-Tyne, superintending the repairs

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BRITANNIA	Feb. 20	MOULTAN	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
DELTA	Mar. 6	CHINA	Apr. 3	Apr. 10
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Hongkong, December 21, 1908. 1710

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London
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exception of Opium, Treasure and Valua-
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hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, Kowloon, and West Point God-
owns whence delivery may be obtained.
No claims will be admitted after the 24th
of December, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
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will be examined on the 24th of December,
at 8.30 a.m.

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of December, 1908, or they will not be re-
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NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
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Hongkong, December 18, 1908. 1700

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the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here un-
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before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., at
4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

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Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel
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